Holyoke near
Belfast April 24- 1856-

Mary-

Your line through
Mr. Webb, came in good time.
It relates mostly to my passage
homewards- My choice would
have been to come in April- But
some good people in Lo have
made sea voyages, Counseled
My Family not to urge me to
embark until May 1st June-
and my wife [redacted] in one
letter extended the time "till
June or July"- rather than that
I should encounter any risk
which could be avoided-
To this I entirely agreed, that I
thought "I must come as far as
Boston in May- and then she
should invite me to Concord,
sometime when she happened
to have a spare bed- I then had,
I still have the N.E. Convention
in my eye, as a part of the
inducement. And in this of
course I hope not to be disappointed.

Still I am not sure that it
is possible to change the day
of sailing from the 14th of
May- It would subject me
to so much hasty & embarrass
ment too, in regard to meeting
some engagements & seeing
others, that the time of rest
gained at the other end of the
voyage, would hardly com-
pensate for the fatigue & extra
endurance of this end of it.
And should my passage be a
long one, I would arrange to
have my wife meet me in Bos-
ton & so have our séparation
& reunion at the same
place, Mr. Jacksons- To this
arrangement Mr. Jackson
is already a party somewhat,
for he has invited me in
a letter long ago, to call on him
as soon as I arrive in Boston.
How glorious & transporting
the thought, that he can still
say in solid truth, "I still live." a
word that will be forever true
though he should vanish from our

If I do not attain in Boston by the 22nd I will have my family with me there if possible, and remain till after the Convention, for I'm putting a little stuff to dry, or some of the flies not flown away.

I have a meeting arranged in Dublin for next Tuesday, the 29th which promises to be very important in its results. No pains are spared to make it very effective. Then I have to get my things to Liverpool from various places in England, & pack up & get ready for my departure — so that I see no way of getting off now, until the day for the first My things are already made, My hair (a choice one) secured & my face shaved — but we will be a most unusual occurrence, if I am not among you in good time =

It is most gratifying to me
to find my friends so solici
tous about my return - as I
say, & as my other letters assur
me, so many of them are. Th
shall find my long separatio
from them, has lost them n
ing in my esteem & affecti
I only wish I my desert of the
regard, were a thousand ti
greater than it is - I must le
many dear, very dear friends h
but none dearer than I leav
my native land.

Poor Mrs. Hoover, we
cannot lose her - at least, sin
Mr. Jackson's recovery, we ha
have hope - How much, & how m
much, we & humanity owe to the
almost heedless Family! When a
few more such go to heaven, ho
easy it will be for us to follow
We should go as joyfully as we no
go to our last Anti Slavery Mee
ings -

But I must clo
with my sincerest regards
both regard me, in your circle,
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Pat Pillsbu

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